

OBJECTIVE YIELD: Corn, Soybeans, and Spring Wheat, Minnesota, 2000-2004

The USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office conducts objective yield surveys in the state for corn, soybeans, and spring wheat. Randomly selected plots in fields across the state are visited monthly from August through harvest to obtain specific counts and measurements. Data in these tables are rounded actual counts from these surveys and are not official estimates of the Agricultural Statistics Board, but are intended to show trends in production practices.

CORN FOR GRAIN: Plant Population per Acre 1/

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<u>Number of Plants</u>				
September	27,500	28,050	26,950	28,700	29,300
November 2/	27,150	28,000	26,800	28,800	29,250

CORN FOR GRAIN: Percentage Distributions by Row Width and Average Row Width

Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (Inches) 3/						Average Row Width
		20.5 or Less	20.6-30.5	30.6-34.5	34.6-36.5	36.6-38.5	38.6 & Greater	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Plots</u>						<u>Inches</u>
2000	164	2.4	62.3	20.1	6.1	7.3	1.8	30.5
2001	162	2.5	66.7	22.2	3.1	4.3	1.2	29.5
2002	158	1.9	69.5	19.0	3.2	5.1	1.3	30.0
2003	166	4.2	77.7	13.3	1.8	1.8	1.2	29.1
2004	160	1.9	76.2	17.5	1.9	2.5	--	29.2

SOYBEANS: Pods with Beans per 18 Square Feet 1/

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<u>Number of Pods</u>				
September	1,607	1,492	1,688	1,582	1,487
November	1,507	1,475	1,739	1,440	1,446
Final	1,507	1,475	1,715	1,440	1,435

SOYBEANS: Percentage Distributions by Row Width and Average Row Width

Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (Inches) 3/					Average Row Width 3/
		10.0 & Less 4/	10.1-18.5	18.6-28.5	28.6-34.5	34.6 & Greater	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Plots</u>					<u>Inches</u>
2000	95	23.7	19.5	12.1	42.6	2.1	20.8
2001	91	14.8	25.8	17.0	41.9	0.5	21.5
2002	103	19.9	24.3	20.9	33.0	1.9	20.2
2003	92	19.6	31.5	10.9	36.9	1.1	19.6
2004	101	20.8	25.2	20.3	30.7	3.0	20.2

SPRING WHEAT: Heads per Square Foot 1/

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<u>Number of Heads</u>				
September	52.5	49.2	5/	5/	5/
Final	52.5	49.1	50.6	55.9	55.0

1/ Based on counts in plots selected for objective yield samples.

2/ No change between November and final.

3/ Spacings based on row measurements in sample plots selected for objective yield survey.

4/ Broadcast soybeans included as 10.0 inches and less but excluded in computation of average width.

5/ September forecast discontinued.